

Cornwall, May 29th. 1846.

Dear Willard,

It seems to me that the purchase of the books at \$275 would not be a safe speculation. It is the highest price named by O'Sullivan; and his calculations are entirely based upon the supposition that there were 700 copies remaining, instead of 500. Now these one hundred copies, which are not to be forthcoming, involve the whole profit of \$200, which I might otherwise have a chance of gaining by the operation. As the case stands, I could not make anything; so that I prefer not to run any risk. Munroe must either agree to Langley's proposition, leaving me my original percentage on the sales, or go on as he has heretofore.

I wish Heaven would make me rich enough to buy the copies for the purpose of burning them. This burning of a new edition is not pleasant to my feelings. Hitherto, the little vagues that I have gained has been fairly won, without any tricks of trade; and I hate to be driven into them now. But there is no help.

I shall send this letter by Conolly. He has had a bad cold ever since he came here, and bored me so abominably that at last my hospitality gave way, and I fairly besought him to leave me to myself.

Yours friend,

Nath. Hawthorne

Nathaniel Hawthorne May 29

George S. Willard, Esq.
Counselor at Law.

Boston.

Mass.

Mr. Conolly.

und
45-